



Fact Sheet

Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program

GENERAL

Proposition 1 was passed by voters in November 2014 and provided \$900 million for a groundwater sustainability program (Assembly Bill 1471, Chapter 10). The State Water Board will administer \$800 million to prevent and cleanup contamination of groundwater that serves (or has served) as a source of drinking water. The funds can be provided as grants or loans.

The table below summarizes the Prop 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program. More information on this and other funding programs is available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/.

WHAT ARE THE FUNDING PROGRAM DETAILS?

PROGRAM FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$800 Million
FUNDING MECHANISMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants• Loans <p>The split in funding for grants and loans has not yet been established.</p>
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Public Agencies, Tribes, Public Utilities, Non-Profits, Mutual Water Companies
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevent or Clean up Contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water
PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Threat posed by groundwater contamination to drinking water supply• Potential for groundwater contamination to spread/impair• Potential of project to enhance local water supply reliability• Potential of project to recharge vulnerable, high-use basins• Projects with no viable responsible party(ies)
CONTAMINANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural contaminants• Human-made contaminants
SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Scoping Meetings – June 2015• Comments for Scoping Questions Due – June 30th• Pre-Application available for applicants – August 2015



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Guidelines – October 2015 • Public Workshops – November 2015 • Final Guidelines – December 2015 • First Round – Solicitation/Review – Early 2016 • First Round Grant Agreements – 2016/2017
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HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants seeking funding from either SCAP or the new Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program will be able to apply using a single pre-application for both funding programs. State Water Board staff will evaluate pre-applications and determine which program, if any, is the most appropriate for each project; and, therefore, applicants do not need to designate a funding program preference. Applicants whose pre-application is successful will be invited to submit a final application, either for Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability or Site Cleanup Subaccount, or may be advised to apply for another potential source of funds. Groundwater Quality Funding applications will be accepted online through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):
<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

HOW ARE PROJECTS RANKED?

Currently there are no ranking criteria other than existing requirements in law. The State Water Board may choose to select certain projects for funding over other projects if there are insufficient funds to fund all projects during the fiscal year or over the life of the program.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP WITH MY APPLICATION?

Contact information is shown below.

FAAST tutorials will be available online: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/videos/faast.shtml>

If your community has a hardship, technical assistance providers may be available to assist with electronic submittal.

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

Website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

Get Email Alerts:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

“Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance”

HOW CAN I CONTACT THE STATE WATER BOARD?

Email: gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov

Message phone: 1-800-813-Fund (3863)